

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1227****OFFERED BY MR. GARRETT OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of the bill, insert the following new title:

1 **TITLE V—COMMENDING AMERI-**  
2 **CANS FOR THEIR REBUILD-**  
3 **ING EFFORTS**

4 **SEC. 501. COMMENDING AMERICANS.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
6 that—

7 (1) over 500,000 individuals in the United  
8 States have volunteered their time in helping rebuild  
9 the Gulf Coast region in the aftermath of Hurri-  
10 cane's Katrina and Rita;

11 (2) over \$3,500,000,000 in cash and in-kind do-  
12 nations have been made for hurricane victims;

13 (3) 40,000,000 pounds of food have been dis-  
14 tributed by Catholic Charities' Food Bank through  
15 hurricane relief efforts;

16 (4) almost 7,000,000 hot meals have been  
17 served by Salvation Army volunteers in hurricane re-  
18 lief efforts;

1           (5) over 10,000,000 college students have de-  
2       voted their spring and fall breaks to hurricane relief  
3       efforts;

4           (6) almost 20,000 families displaced as a result  
5       of the hurricanes have been supported by Traveler's  
6       Aid volunteers;

7           (7) faith-based organizations, such as Jewish  
8       Family Services, Lutheran Disaster Response,  
9       United Methodist Committee on Relief, and Pres-  
10      byterian Disaster Assistance, have contributed tens  
11      of thousands of man-hours for hurricane relief;

12          (8) community-based organizations, such as the  
13      Boys and Girls Club of America, Junior League,  
14      Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and the YMCA,  
15      have had thousands of members volunteer with the  
16      cleanup in the Gulf States;

17      (b) COMMENDATION.—The Congress hereby com-  
18      mends the actions and efforts by the remarkable individ-  
19      uals and organizations who contributed to the hurricane  
20      relief effort and recognizes that the rebuilding of the Gulf  
21      Coast region rests on the selfless dedication of private in-  
22      dividuals and community spirit.